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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
Yusuke SHIOTA et al. : GROUP: 1724  
SERIAL NO.: 09/147,428 :  
RCE FILED: Herewith : EXAMINER: Cintins, I.  
FOR: APPARATUS FOR TREATING WASTE WATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 23, 26, 27, 29 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Clean copies of Claims 6, 8, 9 and 15 incorporating any amendments are  
shown below.

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6. (Six Times Amended.) An apparatus for preventing abrasion of a solid  
catalyst and/or a solid adsorbent while treating waste water, comprising:  
a packed bed of the solid catalyst and/or the solid adsorbent; and